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Received some good traffic totals for the month of May, plus a few 'late' reports which are also listed. The response has been real fine from nearly all stations in operation. Our card file is building, and we hope that before too long, we'll have a card on most of our Marine amateurs. A letter published in NAVY TIMES on 9 June is bringing replies from more Marines at various independent duty stations with information for the file. We also intend to have a file showing each marine amateur station in operation and listing the equipment in use. Thanks again for your help.

6FCS got pretty well left out on the May traffic totals due to being closed down for building repairs for eleven days of the month.

6YDK, Jerry, sez Bud is now off to school and leaves the station with a single op for the time being. Guess Jerry could use three hands.

6IAB, Bob, has some pertinent comments on traffic. If we are going to be traffic handlers let's be the best....QTC? If it's worth originating, it's worth counting. XX is easier I'm sure, but an accurate count would be mucho help. (Good thought, Bob) On phone patches, it only irritates others to hear a station constantly saying, "handling traffic and need a clear channel". That's obvious, and in most cases a clear channel will be given by a good amateur to any station already using that particular freq. (I'm guilty too, Bob)

6IAB also has a new building coming, they hope, but maybe real soon now. Luck!!!

Anyone have any suggestions for a standard, good looking USMC type QSL card???

4PFC and 4NTR represented the Marine Corps during the AFCEA convention held at the Sheraton-Park Hotel in D.C. June 12-13-14. Operated with 4NAA/3 from the lobby with all new Collins gear, including the new 62S1 on 6 & 2. Quite a ball had by all. Just ask Bob and Joe.

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KH6AJF sent us a good rundown on the station at Camp Smith. Doing quite a job on both amateur and MARS traffic. Station has been on the air since 1951. Proud of their achievements, and rightly so.

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4NTR got the KWS-1 back from the factory in fine shape, but now comes a little bug in the shack wiring. Should be perking along soon, though.

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Circulation on ZERO BEAT is increasing gradually. Trying to limit same to our Marine amateur stations, but including individuals where possible. This means Mae 3CUL, natcherly, and those HAMS scattered around the country on independent duty when we get their info.

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4NTR's CHOP, K4PYV, is in the tedious process of slapping together the new Heath mobile SSB outfit. Hope to be on it shortly. Will relay results to those interested.

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6RIG (ex-KG4AP) dropped into 4NTR recently for an eyeball. Real fine meeting with Al and his XYL. Luck to you at CLNC, Al.

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4PFC's Bob (K4BOB) leaves us next month. Heading for the "greener grass on the other side of the fence". Rather have you stick with us, Bob, but lots of luck in Tennessee.

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OOPS!! I goofed. Bill, K6RTP, reminds me that to get that "wallpaper" from KR6 land, you must work any five MARINE AMATEUR stations. Other Oki calls do not count. Sorry, Bill, and thanks for straightening me out.

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Listed below are the traffic totals we have received for the month of May '62, plus a couple of late totals just arrived. Due to space and time limitations, from this issue on, we'll list only overall totals on QTC's and phone patches. Hope we've copied correctly, and remember, we're adding only with ten fingers and twelve toes.....

| <u>CALL</u> | <u>QTC</u> | <u>PP</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>CALL</u> | <u>QTC</u> | <u>PP</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|-------------|------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| W6IAB | 2541 | 921 | 3462 | KR6HB | 96 | 417 | 513 |
| W6YDK | 1792 | 164 | 1956 | KR6MH | 126 | 344 | 470 |
| K6MCA | 1341 | 150 | 1491 | KR6DI | 41 | 428 | 469 |
| KR6GF | 742 | 708 | 1450 | K4BUJ | 310 | 56 | 366 |
| KH6BGS | 404 | 756 | 1160 | W4NTR | 268 | 53 | 321 |
| KR6MD | 201 | 737 | 938 | KR6MA | 65 | 234 | 299 |
| KH6AJF | 574 | 57 | 631 | K4MCL | 193 | 60 | 253 |
| KP4AZJ | 100 | 453 | 553 | W6FCS | <u>0</u> | <u>176</u> | <u>176</u> |
| W4PFC | 459 | 61 | 520 | | | | |
| MAY TOTALS: | | | | | 9253 | 5775 | 15058 |

LATE LISTINGS:

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|--------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| KH6BGS | 516 | 368 | 884 | (Apr) |
| KP4AZJ | 130 | 388 | 518 | (Apr) |

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Traffic results are looking better all the time. Suggest routing a copy of ZERO BEAT to your CO or Special Services Officer. Handy info readily available, on traffic being passed on by your station and others in the same category.

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You may have noted that this is actually the second issue for June, but had some confusion on the time of month or something, and wanted to get out those previous traffic totals in the last issue before they got 'cold'. Now we are up-to-date and will try to maintain a 15th of the month 'press time'..... ..

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